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Tentative Fall Conference Program

OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 1957

Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1957

Morning

10:00-12:00 Registration — Fourteenth Floor
Exhibits open for inspection
Joint Executive Board Meeting, ILA-ILTA—Executive Suite

Afternoon

12:30- 2:15 Luncheon Meeting
Topic: "Where do we want to go? Are we organized to get there?" Speakers outlining the problem will be Stillman K. Taylor, President of ILA, and Mrs. Dorothy Lykins, President of ILTA.

2:30- 4:00 Discussion Groups
Topic: "How to make the Associations more representative of the thinking of the membership."

4:15- 5:00 Small Library Group Meeting

Evening

7:00- 8:00 Film Circuit Meeting

8:00- 9:30 Panel discussion with five panel members selected from the afternoon session presenting the results and asking for participation from the floor.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1957

Morning

8:15- 9:15 Book Selection Breakfast
Past Presidents Breakfast

9:30-11:00 Business Meeting — Indiana Library Association
Business Meeting — Indiana Library Trustees Association

Afternoon

12:00- 2:00 Group Luncheons and Special Business Meetings

ILTA and others	Colleges and Universities
SORT	Public Libraries
ISLA	Children and Young People
SLA	Junior Members Round Table

2:30- 4:00 Joint Business Meeting, ILA-ILTA

Evening

6:00- 8:30 Banquet
Speaker: Mrs. Lura G. Currier, Director, Mississippi State Library Commission

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Report from the President to ILA Members

Printed in this issue of FOCUS is the tentative program of the ILA-ILTA Fall Conference for 1957. The conference will be held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Indianapolis, October 17-19. Miss Alta Parks, Vice-President of ILA and chairman for the conference, planned the conference with the assistance of a representative committee composed of Mr. Carl Luginbill, Miss Katherine Barnett, Miss Margaret Cooper, Mr. O. H. Joerg, Miss Marilyn McCanon, Miss Martha Reynolds, and the ILA President. Dr. Robert Smith, consultant in Community Services in Adult Education for Indiana University and Purdue University, was also present at the planning session.

The planning group felt the 1957 Conference should devote its energies to an analysis of ILA and ILTA, focusing its attention on the main problem which faces the two Associations: how to make the Associations representative of the thinking of the membership. In many respects, the meeting will be a "work conference." It will attempt to explore many questions pertinent to the structure and operation of the Associations and specifically attempt to secure membership suggestions for answers to the following five questions:

1. What are the functions of ILA and ILTA?
2. a. What would be the advantages or the disadvantages of combining the two Associations?
   b. What are the advantages or disadvantages of remaining separate Associations?
3. How well do the Boards and committees represent the thinking of the membership?
4. What prevents more active participation by members in the activities of ILA and ILTA?
5. What should be the role of the State Library?

The Planning Committee has also scheduled speakers and opportunity for interest groups to get together — formally and informally. Group luncheons are scheduled for Friday, October 18. Chairmen of special interest groups should make arrangements with Miss Parks. Mrs. Lura Currier, who entertained us at the Tri-State Meeting in Cincinnati with her observations on people who go to library conventions, will be the speaker at the Friday evening banquet. Mr. George Curtis, LaPorte, has agreed to handle exhibits for the conference.

The 1957 ILA-ILTA Conference will be an opportunity for members to express their opinions. Each of us needs to think about the five questions listed above and arrive at considered opinions regarding them.

Printed in this issue are recommended amendments to Sections 13 and 14 of the ILA Constitution, prepared by Miss Ellen D. Kistler and her committee, at the request of the Executive Board. The amendments, if voted favorably at the 1957 Conference, permit amending the ILA Constitution and/or By-Laws, by a two-thirds mail vote of the enrolled membership, provided members receive copies of the amendment at least two weeks previously. Many recommendations which should result from the 1957 Conference may necessitate changes in the Constitution, especially in regard to committee structure.

Miss Esther Thornton, Past-President of ILA, has met with the immediate past-presidents of ILTA, SLA and ISLA at the request of the ILA Board, to explore the possibility of an affiliation of the four Associations. Motivation for the informal meeting was the result of ILA being designated as the Chapter of ALA. Miss Thornton reported to the ILA Board: "Discussion centered around similarities in organization and possible changes that would have to be considered. This discussion indicated both advantages and disadvantages for each group in such an affiliation. Other states with similar groups have been contacted and replies have been received from four of them. They all show interest in the question. Nothing, so far, has been resolved from these discussions but the committee feels that these preliminary findings may form a basis for further study of the question in the future."

At the last Executive Board Meeting, May 17, the Treasurer reported there were 675 paid members of ILA. Mrs. Louise Campbell, Membership Chairman, has prepared a printed membership list, showing paid up members by District. The Recruitment Committee, Oswald Joerg, Chairman, has met and is preparing a number of recommendations for the Board. The Committee has recommended lengthening the terms of its members. There seems to be a general feeling that many ILA Committees need to have members serve longer, possibly appointed for two or three years, with one member retiring annually. This would make for continuity and more effective service. With the completion of the organization manual by Miss Marcelle Foote, the Association and its committees have an excellent tool for examining the structure and functions of committees.

Upon recommendation of the Scholarship and Loan Committee, the minimum amount to be kept in the loan fund was reduced to $1500. Few loans are requested, according to Miss Batman, Chairman of the Committee. The President has appointed a committee, including the ILA Treasurer, to study the dues structure of ILA.

Mrs. Lykins and Mr. Taylor met with Miss Cooper and Mrs. Welch on April 17 to discuss the changes necessary in the Constitution of the Small Public Library Group so that the Constitution could be submitted to the ILA Board. Time is being provided during the State Conference for a meeting of this group and election of its officers.

The ILA-ILTA will have a joint meeting with the Ohio Library Association at French Lick in 1958, voted at the 1956 Annual Conference. Kentucky was invited to make it a tri-state, but had other commitments. The estimated size of the combined Ohio-Indiana Conference means that the hotel has reserved its complete facilities for our use.

Librarians and trustees need to be aware of National Library Week, March 16-22, 1958. This special week is being sponsored by the National Book Committee. Miss Alta Parks is State Chairman for Indiana and will appoint two other members to serve with her.

Committee chairmen are requested to begin work on reports of their committees for inclusion in the November issue of FOCUS. Before the year is out, a new Board will be making committee appointments. It would be very helpful if head librarians would send me names of staff members who can and will serve on ILA committees, and what committees they would prefer to serve on.

STILLMAN K. TAYLOR
President, ILA

NEWS: PERSONNEL IN INDIANA LIBRARIES

The New Castle-Henry County Public Library reports the following changes in its staff: Esther Rooney, who served as Acting Librarian there for a year, and who has been in charge of school library service, will assume the position of librarian of Crown Point High School. Alice Trueblood, who has served as reference and children's librarian the past two years, is going to be in charge of a junior high school library in Columbus, Ohio. Coming to New Castle as elementary librarians are Mrs. Cynthia Marshall, formerly Cowan School librarian and Miss Frances Shepherd, librarian in the Worthington schools.

Alice Rude, who is completing work towards the M.S. in L.S. at Indiana University, will be the new reference librarian at the Muncie Public Library, assuming her duties in September. Miss Rude was on the staff of the Logansport Public Library for five years before returning to I.U. last February. Also coming to Muncie is Dan W. Smith, who has been appointed audio-visual librarian. Mr. Smith is retired from the U. S. Air Force and has just received his library science degree from George Peabody College.

Ellen Stanley, formerly Assistant Librarian at Earlham College, was recently married to Don Stanley and has accepted a position in the Cincinnati Public Library. Her position has been filled, effective July 1, by David Brunton, who has been cataloger at Earlham. The new cataloger will be Frances Lowerey, who will be coming from Drake University September 1.

Ball State Teachers College has announced the appointment of Theodore Samore as a periodicals librarian, to begin with the Fall term. Mr. Samore comes from Michigan where he was a librarian for the Detroit Bar Association.

The Evansville Public Library reports the resignation of Miss Marianna Andres, who has been a member of its staff for twenty-seven years, twenty of which were spent as Chief of the Circulation Department. Miss Andres has accepted the position of Assistant Librarian at the Evansville College Clifford Memorial Library.

Miss Audrey North, who has been Order Librarian at Purdue University, left there in July to become head of Reader's Services at Oberlin College.

SMALL LIBRARY GROUP MEETS

A meeting of the Small Library Group in Indianapolis on July 11 was attended by representatives of 32 libraries (including librarians and trustees). The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the welfare of the organization and to consider the By-Laws of the Group. Presiding was Margaret Cooper, Linton Public Library, president of the organization.

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In accordance with ALA constitutional provisions, a petition has been submitted calling for a mail vote of the membership of ALA to set aside the action of Council which voted at Kansas City to move the Headquarters of ALA from Chicago to Washington.

The ballot for the mail vote will be included in the September *ALA Bulletin*. This is the only place in which it will appear. Full background and details will be given in that issue.

It is necessary that one-fourth of the membership (approximately 5,000 including personal and instutional) vote in order to sustain or defeat the petition. You are urged to exercise your membership right and Vote *Yes* or *No* on this.

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On July 17, Miss Teodora de los Reyes arrived at the Evansville Public Library to begin an 11-months' stay. Her regular position is that of Book Selector of the Philippine Bureau of Public Libraries, and she is at Evansville as a participant in the U. S. State Department's International Exchange Program. She is a graduate of the liberal arts college and the library school of the Philippine Women's University, and she has had teaching and cataloging experience. At Evansville she will observe and participate in a wide variety of professional assignments, so that she can learn American public library practice and adapt it to the needs and conditions of the Philippines. She is particularly interested in bookmobiles, since the Bureau of Public Libraries hopes to have some in operation soon; and Evansville Public Library has had a large new vehicle in use since the first part of this year.

Other libraries interested in securing the services of a foreign librarian are invited to write to Mrs. Mary Ann Adams, International Library Relations Assistant, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

BUDGET SCHOOLS

Librarians and trustees attending the June budget schools conducted by the State Library, in cooperation with the State Tax Commission and the State Board of Accounts, obtained much useful financial guidance and voiced the hope that similar workshops might be held annually. Especially helpful was the opportunity to discuss individual budget problems with the members of the panel of speakers. While all topics of library finance were covered, there was special interest in the Library Improvement Reserve Fund which has now been established in 67 Indiana libraries.

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NEWS: SERVICES IN INDIANA LIBRARIES

The LaPorte County Library recently opened its third station within a year when the Rolling Prairie Lions Club completed a project in renovating and remodeling a building for its use. Donations for many of the improvements were made by the Rolling Prairie merchants. Mrs. Robert Workman is in charge of the collection which will include from 1,100 to 1,500 books. The other two stations which were opened earlier are located in Fish Lake and Union Mills.

LaPorte Public Library has also acquired a rateometer, a device for registering reading speed. By increasing speed and comprehension it is useful both to adults who wish to improve their reading and to children who are now slow readers. Librarian George Curtis says the rateometer will be available for use in the library at all times.

Mrs. Chilson Bishop, Marion Public Library, has added an interesting and already popular piece of equipment. It is a Thermo-Fax duplicating machine which will copy a photograph, letter, or page of any book or magazine in six seconds or less. Cost to the user is five cents for 5½" x 8½" copy and ten cents for 8½" x 11½" copy.

The Muncie Public Library has installed a new Marlux Luminous Ceiling in its Reference Room and Business and Technical Reading Room. An innovation in lighting methods, this translucent corrugated plastic ceiling is mounted approximately three feet below the fluorescent fixtures and serves to diffuse the light to give even illumination without glare or shadow. Although a modern type of lighting, it fits in well with the design of the old Carnegie-type building and also provides a way of lowering the extremely high ceilings.

The Knightstown Public Library is proud of its newly painted soft-green walls. Although the job involved moving the entire book collection, the results now seem well worth the effort.

A new circulating record collection including 160 recordings has been received by the Cambridge City Public Library through the efforts of Dick Clark and the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. Plans are now being made to add a record player for in-library listening in 1958.

Framed reproductions of art are now being circulated by the Evansville and Vanderburgh County Public Library. Sixty-four pictures were purchased on a credit arrangement that does not require the use of tax funds. The prints are being loaned at a fee of 50 cents per month until purchase price has been met.

ALA HONORS TO HOOSIERS

Indiana was well represented at the 1957 ALA Conference in Kansas City, with three of our people being named to positions in the national organization. Margaret Rufsvold was elected to the office of Second Vice-President, as well as being appointed the new chairman of the ALA Committee on Accreditation.

The Council has two new Hoosier members as Herbert Goldhor was elected with his term expiring in 1959, and Carolyn Whitenack was elected with her term to expire in 1960. Carolyn is also the new chairman of the ALA-NEA Committee of which she has already been a member. This committee, according to the December, 1956, *ALA Bulletin,* has as its objective "To explore problems of mutual interest and relationships in the fields of library service and education and to make recommendations to appropriate committees in the two associations."

Also honored at the Annual Conference was the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library, which received honorable mention for its scrapbook entered in the John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest.

FALL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1957

Morning

8:00- 9:15	Breakfast Meetings of Library School Groups Simpson Breakfast
9:30-11:00	Panel Discussion — A panel of observers will analyze previous discussions and recommend future action.
11:30-12:30	"Plans for library adult education" — Dr. Robert Smith

Afternoon

12:30- 2:00	Luncheon—Speaker: Anauta, Eskimo authoress
2:00	Joint Executive Board Meeting, ILA-ILTA—Executive Suite District Meetings Planning Committee

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following additions, as amendments to the ILA Constitution, are proposed by the Committee on Constitution Revision, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, October 17-19:

SECTION 13. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the enrolled members present, provided that written or printed notice of the proposed amendment be sent to members, by the Secretary, at least two weeks previously. *This constitution may also be amended by a two-thirds vote by mail of the enrolled membership, provided the membership has received a written or printed copy of the proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to the voting date.*

SECTION 14. The By-Laws may be amended, or any by-law temporarily suspended, by a two-thirds vote of the enrolled members present at any meeting of the Association. *The By-Laws may also be amended by a two-thirds vote by mail of the enrolled membership, provided the membership has received a written or printed copy of the proposed amendment at least two weeks prior to the voting date.*

HOOSIER SCHOOLS RECEIVE LILLY GRANTS

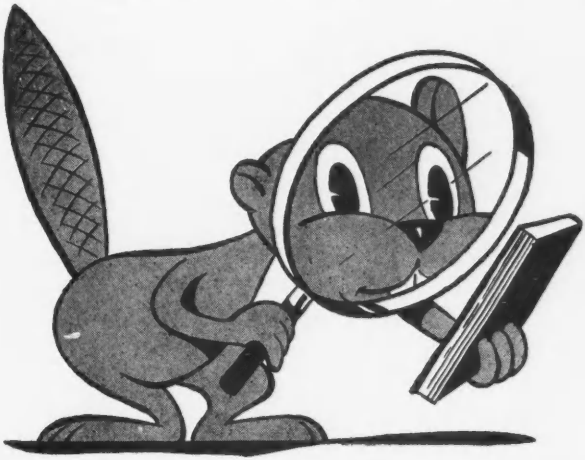
Four Indiana universities and colleges are sharing in funds for expanding their library services to students as a result of a grant made to the American Library Association by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The grants, ranging in amount from $2,000 to $3,500 each, went to: Ball State Teachers College, DePauw University, Goshen College and Purdue University.

The grant stipulated that schools be chosen from four-year institutions in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. Grants are for one year and may be used immediately or during the coming academic year. Purpose of the grants is to "promote the more extensive and imaginative use of library resources by undergraduate students" in ways best suited to the needs of each school. Five other schools in the adjoining states are sharing in the total $26,000 grant.

WORKSHOP PLANNED

The Western Indiana Librarians are sponsoring an In-Service Training Workshop on September 11 at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute. Full details are available from Robert McClarren, Crawfordsville Public Library.



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